

**Ex Parte Reexamination Interview Summary**

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Patent Under Reexamination

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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All participants (USPTO personnel, patent owner, patent owner's representative):

(1) Bruce E Snow (3) \_\_\_\_\_(2) George Gerstman (4) \_\_\_\_\_Date of Interview: 21 November 2002Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal (copy given to: 1) patent owner 2) patent owner's representative)Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 2.Identification of prior art discussed: Diaz, Sullivan, Willard et al.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Gerstman suggested adding the limitations of claim 2 into 1 and stated the combination is not obvious and will present arguments in an amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE PATENT OWNER'S STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP § 2281). IF A RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN FILED, THEN PATENT OWNER IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO PROVIDE THE MANDATORY STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (37 CFR 1.560(b)). THE REQUIREMENT FOR PATENT OWNER'S STATEMENT CAN NOT BE WAIVED. EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE GOVERNED BY 37 CFR 1.550(c).

  
BRUCE SNOW  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

cc: Requester (if third party requester)

Examiner's signature, if required